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## Calendar

Mon., Jan. 4	Christmas tree and monthly yard waste collection	Mon., Jan. 18	New exhibit at Penn Place: Photography by Beth Altman (see p 6)
Thurs., Jan. 7	Jam Session, Town Hall, 8 pm	Fri., Jan. 22	Pick up <i>Bugle</i> from table in PO lobby
Sat., Jan. 9	Large item pickup	Sun., Jan. 24	Beth Altman Opening Reception, 3–5 pm, Penn Place Art Gallery
Mon., Jan. 11	Christmas tree collection; Town Council meeting, Town Hall, 8 pm	Thurs., Jan. 28	Games and Tea, 1:30–3:30 pm, Town Hall; Land Use Task Force Mtg., 8 pm, Town Hall
Tues., Jan. 12	Lunch Bunch, Town Hall, 12:30 pm; <i>Bugle</i> deadline, 4 pm	Sat., Jan. 30	Town Dinner, Town Hall
Thurs., Jan. 14	Jam Session, Town Hall, 8 pm	Mon., Feb. 1	Monthly yard waste collection
Fri., Jan. 15	Film Society, <i>Volver</i> , Town Hall; food 7:15, film 8 pm (see p 4)		

## Long Day's Journey into Night

As you enter each month's Town Council meeting, you stop by a small table on which useful documents lie—the night's agenda, budget information, petitions, etc. This month the table also held a plate of brownies dusted with confectioner's sugar. They were left over from the coffee and dessert that took place just before the meeting—a chance for residents to chat with our District 17 delegation. Before the dessert, the Council had dinner with the delegates.

Those two events, *plus* a longish meeting of the Council, seem to me to describe a pretty exhausting evening for Garrett Park's

Councilmembers, and, as always, they deserve our thanks.

Things got down to business with a presentation by John King, who urged the town to take an official stand on the White Flint Sector plan. In particular, he would like comments from the Council as to what the town's greatest concerns are. There's a need for the town, he remarked, to make its positions on the proposed changes as strongly as possible to the county.

A lengthy discussion ensued, in which the Council wrestled with ways in which the town

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might speak with reasonable agreement on this issue. Clearly, various people noted, traffic on Strathmore, and questions having to do with school overcrowding and redistricting, are primary for many of us. Can we translate that into a clear position?

“Do we do nothing?” asked Jack Mandel. “Do we do something?”

The Council passed a resolution authorizing John King to find out about our possibly hiring a consultant to write a report on the traffic impact of the plan on Garrett Park.

In his Mayor’s Report, Chris described a “fruitful” meeting with the Annapolis delegation at a legislative dinner last week. “Safeguarding municipal revenues is *the* legislative priority this year.”

Mayor Keller then moved to three ideas for changes at the Post Office:

- 1. Could we get some hours restored? Extended morning or evening hours?
- 2. Could we restore the ability of Garrett Park residents to arrange for bulk mail to be delivered to town PO boxes if the mail is addressed solely to Garrett Park?
- 3. Could people get delivery of packages at hours when the desk is closed? “This would involve,” explained the Mayor, “a so-called ‘Dutch Door.’”

In Councilmembers’ reports: The Historic Preservation committee is moving ahead on an interactive map. And the Land Use Task Force’s work continues. They will meet next month.

(Discussion next got bogged down a bit on whether there was a small fire in town recently, and shouldn’t we in any case have the Kensington Fire Department check our water pressure... “But,” said the Mayor, “we need to move this along before we start getting punchy.”)

The Council voted unanimously to adopt a Memo of Understanding between the town and the nursery school on the use of the Community Center building. We will shortly begin negotiations with the nursery school on the lease. The town at the same time unanimously passed a resolution involving our acceptance of ownership of the building from the Parks Department, and our intention to lease it to the nursery school.

Citizens in attendance asked whether the building will also be available to citizen groups. It will.

The meeting concluded with a reassuring appraisal of the town’s financial position from Ted Pratt. “We should soon begin to see our revenues rebound. We’re in a very strong position, considering.”

Margaret Soltan

# To Bugle Readers

By now, you should have received notice that because of changes in the Postal Service’s bulk mail requirements, the Garrett Park Citizens Association will no longer be mailing the *Bugle* to residents. While this change has been somewhat cast upon us, it comes at a time when the GPCA and the *Bugle* staff had already begun conversations on modifying our distribution processes to keep up with the trends in how people prefer to receive their news.

Moving forward, the Citizens Association will make copies of the *Bugle* available in the Post Office common area for a week after the *Bugle* is printed. We will post a notification on the town e-mail listservs when a new *Bugle* has been produced, and we ask those who prefer a printed copy to pick theirs up when they get their mail. We will also of course maintain the on-line version of the *Bugle* on the town Web site, which many have become accustomed to.

To put a Garrett Park spin on all of this, I was reminded that over time this change will save both money and trees, as printing and mailing costs are reduced.

I realize that this is not a perfect solution and may be viewed as a step backwards by some. I am happy to hear your thoughts and concerns. I can be reached at 301-942-3832 or [chris.s.strong@gmail.com](mailto:chris.s.strong@gmail.com).

Chris Strong  
President, Citizens Association

**Note:** For those not familiar with the town listservs, there are two: “GarrettParkneighbors” via Yahoo groups and “Garrett Park Mailing list” via Google groups. For full information, go to the town Web site ([www.garrettpark-md.gov](http://www.garrettpark-md.gov)) and click on “Join Mailing List” in the right column. Briefly, for GarrettParkneighbors, e-mail Todd Harris or sign in at [groups.yahoo.com/group/GarrettParkneighbors/join](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GarrettParkneighbors/join). To join the Garrett Park Mailing list, enter “GPML” in the subject line of an e-mail message sent to [gpml@garrettpark-md.gov](mailto:gpml@garrettpark-md.gov) or visit the GPML web page at [groups.google.com/group/GPML](http://groups.google.com/group/GPML) (you must be a Google groups member).

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# Town Administrator Notes

**Snow removal:** Please help Butch, Frank, and Jose keep our streets clear when it snows:

- Please park cars off the streets when snow is predicted.
- Please do not block intersections, particularly the Kenilworth/Rokeby barricade. Also, the hill on Oxford leading down to Weymouth has been a problem, with cars parked on both sides of the street, making it impossible for the plow to get through. Minimizing parking on this hill allows access for emergency vehicles and speeds up plowing.
- Please keep sidewalks in front of your homes shoveled. The Town Maintenance Department will take care of Penn Place and the Town Hall. Please call the Town Office if you would like a list of young residents who are interested in work shoveling snow.
- Do remember that Argyle Avenue is closed for sledding when snow falls. Be especially careful where Argyle meets Rokeby at Wells Park. Should the hill become icy, the hill will be cleared or sanded.
- Please remember that driveways are not plowed as part of the town's snow removal contract. Residents are asked to clear their own driveways all the way to the street.

If any residents have special concerns about access to their homes during or after a snow-storm, please contact the Town Office so that we can be aware of them and provide assistance as needed.

We will make every effort to push back driveways and clear out snowbound cars. If you experience unusual problems, please call the Town Office (301-933-7488).

**Leaf Removal, Yard Waste:** Leaf removal has finished. Please do not put leaves in the street; they should be bagged and will be removed with the yard waste. Remember, yard waste is collected on the first Mondays in January and February (Jan. 4 and Feb. 1). We will return to weekly collection in March.

**Trash Collection, Large Items, & Christmas Trees:** Trash and recycling will take place on the usual days through the holidays. Please be sure to break down cardboard boxes to help the recycling crew. There will be a large item pickup on Saturday, January 9. Christmas trees will be collected and chipped by the town's Maintenance Department as they are put out. Please remove as much tinsel as possible (and, of course, all ornaments), so we can keep our woodchip pile as clean as possible.


**Holiday Tips:** Many residents have already given generously to the Holiday Tip Fund for the men who collect our trash. If anyone still wishes to make a gift, it is not too late. We typically receive numerous contributions after Christmas and make a second "New Year" distribution to these deserving individuals.

**Town Dinner:** The Town Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, January 30. Save the date!

Elizabeth, Butch, Frank, and Jose join me in wishing all town residents a happy holiday season. As always, if you have questions, concerns, or just want to chat, please feel free to stop by the office any time, or call 301-933-7488. (The office will close at noon on December 24 and 30, and will be closed December 25 and January 1.)

Ted Pratt, Town Administrator

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GPES

On December 5, the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade chorus braved the weather to sing at Veterans Park in Bethesda. Both director Joe Smith and Mary Moyer froze their fingers off, but the chorus was warmly received. And the school’s Winter Concert on December 15 was standing room only.

The reunion on November 28 had over 100 alumni and past staff in attendance. Sally Buck Rawlings, who attended GPES in the 40’s, was the eldest to return. Ex-principals Kathy Bainbridge and Lee Derby also showed up. There was an abundance of food, special T-shirts, and a CD presentation made by Suzanne Hickey. The CDs will be updated with photos from the reunion and will be for sale through the GPES Foundation. It was announced at the Winter Concert that the Foundation only needs \$4000 more to meet the requirement of \$100,000 for the funding of a bigger stage in the new school. Way to go!

Mary Moyer

Green Again

We have an anonymous donor for this month’s green banner, as well as a donation from Florence Gootenberg in honor of her husband, “Santa” Roy. We are now in the process of doubling up the donations already given to cover the full cost of the banner; this will cover us until May 2010. Anyone else like to get on the list? Please send your contribution to Mary Moyer, Box 98, with a check made out to the Citizens Association (\$60 to sponsor a full issue, but any size donation is welcome). Many thanks.

Remember there are Citizens Association dues for each family living in Garrett Park. Yearly dues are \$20 per family or \$10 per individual and can be sent to Box 456. Envelopes will be sent out again this year in January to make it easier for you to pay. Money is running tight for the Citizens Association and thus for the *Bugle*, so anything you can do to help will be appreciated.

Mary Moyer

GPFS Schedule of Films in 2010

**January 15.** *Volver* (2006), rated R. Directed by Pedro Almodovar, with Penelope Cruz. In Spanish.

**February 12.** *The Umbrellas of Cherbourg* (1964). Directed by Jacques Demy, with Catherine Deneuve. In French. A romantic film to get you in the mood for Valentine’s Day.

**March 19.** *The Commitments* (1991). Directed by Alan Parker; written by Roddy Doyle. In English. Considered the best Irish film for St. Patrick’s Day by the *New York Times* critics.

**April 23.** *Sullivan’s Travels* (1941). Directed by Preston Sturges with Joel McCrae and Veronica Lake, In English. Our traditional look back at great comedies from the 30’s, 40’s, and 50’s.

**May 21.** *Bottle Shock* (2008), PG-13. Directed by Randall Miller, with Alan Rickman. In English. An occasion for a wine tasting in addition to dinner.

**June 25.** *Black Stallion* (1973). Directed by Carroll Ballard. In English. Out of school family film.

**September 10.** *The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill* (2003). Documentary. Directed by Judy Irving (Australian). In English. Back to school family film.

**October 15.** *Rivers and Tides* (2001). Documentary about artist Andy Goldsworthy.

**November 12.** *Millions* (2004), PG-13. Directed by Danny Boyle. In English. Holiday themes—family and spirit of giving.

Consider joining the Film Society in 2010. In addition to free admission to the films, members get free soft drinks, popcorn, and nuts. Occasionally discounts on dinner or drinks are given to members as well. To join, contact Suzanne Grefsheim, GPFS Treasurer, for a membership form. Or complete the form below and mail it to Suzanne Grefsheim at PO Box 175.

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Director	\$250 (20 coupons; one glass of wine or beer per film)
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Mail form and check to Suzanne Grefsheim, GPFS Treasurer, Box 175, Garrett Park, MD 20896.

Make check payable to “Garrett Park Film Society” or “GPFS.”

- ♪ The Do-It-Yourself Carolfest on December 11 was well attended and well voiced. Three more orange carol books were turned in. Will the person who collected the others please call Mary Moyer to arrange their return?
- ♪ Long-time Garrett Park resident Elaine Kennedy, formerly of Weymouth Street, has moved to the Hyatt Classic Residence: 8100

Connecticut Avenue, No. 405, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815.

- ♪ Our Post Office was doing a land office business during the rush before Christmas. To the staff we owe a big thank you!

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## Field Glasses, Bird Guide

Village life. You live in a small town with the same people decade after decade. It gives a depth and complexity to life which I've always believed is Garrett Park's greatest gift to its residents.

Walking to the November 16 event in honor of Barbara Shidler's many and varied contributions to this town, I marveled at the beauty of Garrett Park on a mild evening—the canopy of trees with their late fall leaves lit up by forest green street lamps... Every element of the beauty around me represented the work of people like Barbara, who took to the streets and the Town Council and committee meetings and fund raisers to create this remarkable, remarkably beautiful place.

I also thought, as I walked, about the gardening books I've borrowed from the library Barbara's collected on the third floor of Penn Place; about the pleasure my mother took in Barbara's friendship, and particularly in their mutual love of landscaping; about my years of singing with Barbara in town choral groups.

I'm one of many people with long memories of village life with Barbara, and we all showed up—it was a big crowd—at the Town Hall to honor her. There was wine and cider and sweets; there was a little message tree on the sweets table where you could attach a piece of paper with a message on it for her. There was piano music from Mike Henley and a lovely toast by the mayor and a spontaneous singing of "She's a Jolly Good Fellow."

And then Barbara spoke. She said she'd experienced, earlier that day, anticipating this evening, "the worst stage fright I've had since I played Mrs. Malaprop in my senior class play." She went on to say that she decided to retire from her town architect position because "I wanted time to wander around and do nothing if I felt like it."

One of the things she's been doing lately is writing poetry. She read one of her poems to us, provided below.

Margaret Soltan

### Retirement

by Barbara Shidler

No longer hustling through my life  
I've grown slothful, self-indulgent.  
Getting out of bed is the  
hardest part of any day.  
I'd rather stay warmly nestled  
in blankets, dogs snoring beside me,  
radio tuned to my favorite  
talk show.

My moral fiber is stretched and frayed:  
instead of collecting dirty laundry  
or, at least, folding the stack  
of clean clothes, here I sit,  
after breakfast cup of tea  
in hand reading a magazine.  
Whether the issue is current or not  
I revel in the time to read.  
Distractions attack me regularly.  
I go to the deck to pick  
the last bright orange marigolds.  
Before I bend with my shears  
I admire the golden leaves  
of a hickory tree, catch  
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GIVES

As announced in the September *Bugle*, I will be stepping down as President of GIVES (Garrett Park Intercommunity Voluntary Experiment in Sharing) effective January 1, 2010, after 9 years. I plan to continue as a volunteer and wish the best of luck to our new Co-Presidents, Rana Koll-Mandel and Nancy Walz. Karen Anderson will continue as our capable and devoted Treasurer.

The success of GIVES is due not only to the volunteers, who give of their time the first Saturday of each month to collect the money, but also to *you*, our town residents, who financially support the program. We can feel proud to have carried on a tradition for almost four decades. For your information, since GIVES' inception in 1973, more than \$141,000 has been collected!

We will continue to divide our contributions between the American Friends Service Committee ([www.afsc.org](http://www.afsc.org)), which helps people nationally and internationally, and Thrive DC ([www.thrivedc.org](http://www.thrivedc.org)), which helps feed the homeless, pro-

vides job training programs, and has introduced case management and educational programming. We will also continue collecting toiletries and other miscellaneous items for Thrive DC. You may drop your donations in the box at the Post Office the first Saturday of each month, or you may place items on Lynn Foster's porch (10808 Keswick). She has once again offered to coordinate things for us. Some of the most needed items are shampoo, deodorants, toothpaste, and toothbrushes, but all toiletries will be accepted. We hope to deliver a big supply to Thrive DC in January.

Make a New Year's resolution to sign up as a volunteer and give just a few hours to GIVES. It will be most rewarding—I can tell you. To learn more about the programs and to sign up, visit our table in the Post Office lobby.

GIVES thanks you all for your giving. Please keep it up!

Glenda Ingham

Art at Penn Place

Beginning Monday, January 18, the photographs of Beth Altman will be featured at the Penn Place Gallery. An opening reception will be held on Sunday, January 24, from 3 to 5 pm.

Beth Altman writes: "The photographs in the exhibit focus on shape, form, texture, and color. Most of the pictures were taken with film, although some are digital. Many of the photographs were taken in New Mexico. I enjoy working in both color and black and white... I hope my photography captures an appreciation of the visual and artistic aspects of our surroundings with an element of the unexpected."

Bert Zbar

More "Scouting for Books"

The Cub Scouts of Pack 521 will be dropping off book requests on January 30, then picking up donations on February 6. The scouts are collecting used books for the World Bank's *Book Project*. The books are shipped by the World Bank to schools and libraries in developing countries around the world. Since starting collections in the fall of 2007, our scouts have collected over 6500 books, which have been shipped to Ethiopia, Somalia, Sudan, Cameroon, Malawi, Tanzania, and Vietnam. The Book Project's needs are for materials *suitable for schoolchildren ages 4 to 18, and teacher materials*. There is also a box for dropoffs in the Post Office. Clean off a bookshelf! For information about the Book Project, see [go.worldbank.org/AJY-6WOWPX0](http://go.worldbank.org/AJY-6WOWPX0). To learn more about Pack 521, please visit our Web site, [www.pack521.com](http://www.pack521.com).

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## Letter from the Mayor

As I write this month's letter, the Washington area is experiencing its first heavy snowfall in many years. The town's dedicated maintenance staff—Butch Frost, Frank Breazeale, and Jose Diaz—is already in the twelfth hour of working to clear our streets and sidewalks. They will continue for as long as it takes to ensure that the streets are plowed and sanded. We are fortunate to have such conscientious, skilled staff, who care about the well-being of our town. If we get more storms this winter, please help by moving your car to off-street parking.

The town is discussing with the Montgomery County Parks Department terms of a deed to take possession of the Garrett Park Estates Local Park, so that the town can lease the Activity Building (also known as the Community Center) to the Garrett Park Nursery School. The Nursery School is engaged in fundraising to enable repairs and upgrades to the building. A key element of the fundraising is a hoped-for grant from the State of Maryland. We thought it would be useful for our representatives in Annapolis to see the building that is the focus of the grant request, so before the regular December meeting of the Town Council we hosted our District 17 legislative delegation—Senator Jennie Forehand and Delegates Luiz Simmons and Jim Gilchrist (Delegate Kumar Barve was unable to attend)—at the Nursery School. Our representatives were even serenaded by Nursery School students and “alumni”! In their remarks, Senator Forehand and Delegates Simmons and Gilchrist pledged to support the Nursery School's grant request, but also noted the exceptionally difficult financial circumstances that face the state in fiscal year 2011.

Garrett Park is a member of the Maryland Municipal League—an organization of 157 municipalities, ranging from large cities to small hamlets. MML provides research and education opportunities, and advocates for municipalities in Annapolis. Typically MML adopts three legislative priorities for each year's legislative session, often reflecting the varying interests of large, medium, and small municipalities. MML's sole legislative priority for 2010 is safeguarding municipal revenues, demonstrating the overarching importance of this critical issue for all Maryland cities and towns. The town's finances remain generally healthy. Maintaining that status is always at the forefront of our concern, so we will actively support the initiative to protect revenue-sharing and explore new sources of funds.

Councilmember Phil Schulp and I recently met with representatives of the Randolph Hills

Civic Association, covering a variety of issues of common interest to our communities. Focusing particularly on the status of the Garrett Park MARC stop (used by residents of Randolph Hills as well as by Garrett Parkers), the discussion was notably cordial and useful. Phil brings particular interest and expertise to railroad-related issues; he will pursue several long- and short-term ideas bearing on the MARC stop.

I had an encouraging discussion with Devane Pittman, the postmaster of our Post Office. We will pursue three issues: restoring some of the Post Office retail hours so that commuters can have a better chance of using counter service; re-establishment of the ability of the GP Post Office to accept bulk mail; installation of a “dutch door” or similar device that will permit patrons to collect parcels during times that Post Office personnel are present but the counter is closed. I would like to promise quick results, but given the realities of the USPS bureaucracy and fiscal situation, that is unlikely. We recognize the irreplaceable role of the Garrett Park Post Office; we will continue efforts to make USPS management aware of that unique status and the need to protect the viability of our Post Office.

It's difficult to believe that the end of the first decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century is upon us. It has been an eventful time; many of the challenges of recent years will continue. Garrett Park is testament to the view that challenges successfully met can also strengthen our sense of community. As we work through our challenges, remember that we build on a foundation of neighborliness and community that is rare and more than ever worthy of our efforts to sustain.

Best wishes to all for the New Year.

Chris Keller



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# Seniors' Corner

The Garrett Park Seniors' Steering Committee meets the third Thursday of the month at 10:30 am in the Town office. Do you have questions or concerns about life at home here in Garrett Park that we might be able to help answer? Are there issues you'd like addressed? If you are a 55+ resident and would like to participate in our meetings, please come join us or call Elizabeth in the Town Office: 301-933-7488. Other seniors on the committee are your neighbors Anne Atlee, Florence Gootenberg, Millie Mader, Rita Pittillo, Barbara Shidler, Bonnie Tyler, and Ulla Lustig.

## Rides for Seniors

The following residents have offered to give rides to seniors to or from doctor appointments as might be needed. Keep this list handy by your telephone or on your refrigerator.

Please give our volunteers as much notice as possible to facilitate your arrangements.

Barbara Abraham  
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Dorothy Chrisler  
Mary Jane Gill  
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## Town Hall Events Calendar, 2010

Seniors and juniors both are invited to these regular events at the Town Hall. The Lunch Bunch generally meets the second Tuesday of the month at 12:30, and Games and Tea are generally held on the fourth Thursday from 1:30 to 3:30. Exceptions are noted below.

Month	Lunch Bunch (2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday)	Games and Tea (4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday)
January	Jan. 12	Jan. 28
February	Feb. 9	Feb. 25
March	Mar. 9	Mar. 25
April	Apr. 13	Apr. 22
May	May 11	May 27
June	June 8	June 24
July	No Lunch Bunch	July 22
August	No Lunch Bunch	Aug. 26
September	Sept. 14	Sept. 23
October	Oct. 12	Oct. 28
November	Nov. 9	Nov. 18 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday)
December	Dec. 14	Dec. 23

